510(k) SAFETY AND EFFECTIVENESS SUMMARY

K020579

Trade Name:	AARON ARTHROSCOPY ELECTRODE
Common Name:	Electrosurgical Electrode
Classification Name:	Electrosurgical Cutting and Coagulation Devices and Accessories (per 21CFR 878.4400)

Aaron Arthroscopy Electrodes sterile, single-use electrodes that are used in conjunction with an electrosurgical handpiece and generator to deliver RF energy used to cut and excise tissue or to coagulate blood vessels during arthroscopic surgical procedures.

Aaron Arthroscopy Electrodes are substantially equivalent to the Unimed Arthroscopy Electrode (K970066) in operation, intended use, energy source, and method of preparation.

Testing performed on **Aaron Arthroscopy Electrodes** indicate that the devices are substantially equivalent in method of operation, safety, and performance.

In conclusion, Aaron Arthroscopy Electrodes are substantially equivalent to predicate devices in methods of operation, intended use, and results derived from operation.

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Re: K020579
Trade/Device Name: Aaron Arthroscopy Electrodes
Regulation Number: 888.1100 and 878.4400
Regulation Name: Arthroscope; Electrosurgical cutting and coagulation device and accessories
Regulatory Class: II
Product Code: HRX, GEI
Dated: February 19, 2002
Received: February 21, 2002

Dear Mr. Kozloff:

We have reviewed your Section 510(k) premarket notification of intent to market the device referenced above and have determined the device is substantially equivalent (for the indications for use stated in the enclosure) to legally marketed predicate devices marketed in interstate commerce prior to May 28, 1976, the enactment date of the Medical Device Amendments, or to devices that have been reclassified in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (Act) that do not require approval of a premarket approval application (PMA). You may, therefore, market the device, subject to the general controls provisions of the Act. The general controls provisions of the Act include requirements for annual registration, listing of devices, good manufacturing practice, labeling, and prohibitions against misbranding and adulteration.

If your device is classified (see above) into either class II (Special Controls) or class III (PMA), it may be subject to such additional controls. Existing major regulations affecting your device can be found in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 21, Parts 800 to 898. In addition, FDA may publish further announcements concerning your device in the Federal Register.

Please be advised that FDA's issuance of a substantial equivalence determination does not mean that FDA has made a determination that your device complies with other requirements of the Act or any Federal statutes and regulations administered by other Federal agencies. You must comply with all the Act's requirements, including, but not limited to: registration and listing (21 CFR Part 807); labeling (21 CFR Part 801); good manufacturing practice requirements as set forth in the quality systems (QS) regulation (21 CFR Part 820); and if applicable, the electronic product radiation control provisions (Sections 531-542 of the Act); 21 CFR 1000-1050.

This letter will allow you to begin marketing your device as described in your Section 510(k) premarket notification. The FDA finding of substantial equivalence of your device to a legally marketed predicate device results in a classification for your device and thus, permits your device to proceed to the market.

If you desire specific advice for your device on our labeling regulation (21 CFR Part 801 and additionally 21 CFR Part 809.10 for in vitro diagnostic devices), please contact the Office of Compliance at (301) 594-4659. Additionally, for questions on the promotion and advertising of your device, please contact the Office of Compliance at (301) 594-4639. Also, please note the regulation entitled, "Misbranding by reference to premarket notification" (21CFR Part 807.97). Other general information on your responsibilities under the Act may be obtained from the Division of Small Manufacturers, International and Consumer Assistance at its toll-free number (800) 638-2041 or (301) 443-6597 or at its Internet address http://www.fda.gov/cdrh/dsma/dsmamain.html

Sincerely yours,

Miriam C. Provost

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Enclosure

INDICATIONS FOR USE

510(k) Number (if ~~known~~): K020579

Device Name: Aaron Arthroscopy Electrodes
(Arthroscopy Hook Electrode; 90° Angle, Arthroscopy Hook Electrode; 45° Angle, Arthroscopy Blade Electrode; Insulated, Arthroscopy Blade Electrode; Non-Insulated)

Indications for Use:

Aaron Arthroscopy Electrodes are sterile, single-use electrosurgical electrodes, used in conjunction with an electrosurgical handpiece and generator to deliver RF energy used to cut and excise tissue or to coagulate blood vessels during arthroscopic surgical procedures.

Miriam C. Provost
(Division Sign-Off)
Division of General, Restorative
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Concurrence of CDRH, Office of Device Evaluation (ODE)